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SUBJ: FILM IMPORT AGREEMENT

REF: A) NEW DELHI 5575

B) NEW DELHI 15536 11/19/74

C) NEW DELHI 7003 5/28/74

1. THE FINAL VERSION F THE MPEAA FILM IMPORT AGREEMENT (COPIES POUCHED TO STATE NEA/INS WHICH WAS SIGNED BY THE GOI SECRETARY OF INFORMATION ON APRIL 25 DIFFERS ONLY SLIGHTLY FROM THE TEXTS DESCRIBED IN REFS B AND C.

2. THE FOLLOWING CHANGES WERE MADE:

(D) AFTER CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION, THE SERVICE CHARGE PAYABLE TO THE GOI IMPORTING AGENCY WAS SET AT 15 PERCENT OF CIF VALUE OF EACH PRINT OF EACH TITLE. THE GOI HAD HELD OUT FOR FIVE PERCENT OF GROSS RECEIPTS, WHICH WOULD HAVE YIELDED CONSIDERABLY MORE REVENUE.

(E) A CEILING OF 150,000 RUPPEES PER YEAR WAS PLACED ON "LIVING EXPENSES IN INDIA FOR EMPLOYEES OF MPEAA AND ITS MEMBER COMPANIES."

(F) IN THE SECTION WHICH PROVIDES FOR INTEREST-FREE LOANS (FROM A PORTION OF THE CURRENT FILM  
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EARNINGS) TO QUASI-GOVERNMENT OR GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED ORGANIZATIONS, THE WORDS "AND ALSO TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR FOR GOVERNMENT-ENDORSED PROJECTS" HAVE BEEN DELETED. THE US FILM COMPANIES HAD PRESSED FOR EXTENSION OF LOANS TO PRIVATE SECTOR PROJECTS IN ORDER TO ENSURE RAPID REPATRIATION OF RUPEE EARNINGS IN THIS CATEGORY.

3. THE AMOUNT OF AGREED REMITTANCES, 2.5 MILLION RUPEES FROM CURRENT EARNINGS AND 2.5 MILLION FROM BLOCKED EARNINGS FROM EARLIER AGREEMENTS, IS UNCHANGED FROM THE PREVIOUS DRAFT. NO QUALIFYING LANGUAGE MAKING THE AMOUNT OF REMITTANCE CONTINGENT ON INDIA'S FOREIGN EXCHANGE POSITION HAS BEEN INCLUDED.

4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THE AGREEMENT WAS DESIGNED TO AVOID FURTHER ACCUMULATION OF BLOCKED RUPEE EARNINGS, IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE THAT THE ACCUMULATION RATE WILL BE AT LEAST AS HIGH AS IN PREVIOUS AGREEMENTS. MPEAA ESTIMATES GROSS EARNINGS FROM 150 FILMS AT 25 MILLION RUPEES OF WHICH ONLY TEN PERCENT, OR 2.5 MILLION, COULD BE REMITTED. THE REMAINING FIVE PERCENT OF EARNINGS WOULD BE BLOCKED ALONG WITH THOSE RUPEES NOT UTILIZED FOR LOANS TO GOI ORGANIZATIONS.

5. THE GOI DOES NOT PLAN TO MAKE THE DETAILS OF THIS AGREEMENT PUBLIC, AND WE GATHER FROM THE LOCAL MPEAA REPRESENTATIVE THAT HIS ORGANIZATION WILL NOT PUBLISH THE TEXT.  
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